Electrification of railway line

1180. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway lines in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the percentage of length of rail lines in the State which is electrified;

(c) the length of rail lines proposed to be electrified during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(d) the length of rail lines electrified, so far, during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for adherence to the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As on 31.03.2004, the total length of rail lines in Andhra Pradesh is 5196 route kilometres, out of which 40.38% is electrified.

(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, a target of 1800 route kilometres for electrification has been fixed on Indian Railways and a provision of Rs. 1500 crore has been envisaged.

(d) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, 1319 route kilometres have been electrified till 31.10.2005.

(e) The progress of the work is monitored regularly for timely completion of the Projects.

Office of Chief Engineer Construction at Silchar

1181. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no fullfledged office of Additional Chief Engineer (Construction) at Silchar to organise and manage the work of gauge conversion between Silchar-Lumding Section of North East Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governmentplan to establish fullfledged office at Silchar for this purpose which is most urgent; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) There is no such designation of Addl. Chief Engineer on Railways presently. However, the gauge conversion work of Lumding-Silchar-